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In re Patent Application of:  
Shaun R. COUGHLIN et al.

Application No.: 09/208,629

Art Unit: 1646

Filed: December 8, 1998

Examiner: M. Pak

For: PROTEASE-ACTIVATED RECEPTOR 3 AND  
USES THEREOF

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

MS AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This amendment is supplemental to the Amendment filed on March 10, 2004 in response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2003. Applicants thank supervisory Examiner Brenda Brumback for the courtesy of the phone call of March 29, 2006, indicating that the Office Action mailed November 29, 2005 will be vacated. Since the Office Action mailed November 29, 2005 is to be vacated, this application should not have an "After Final" status. However, to avoid any confusion regarding the mail stop for this communication, Applicants have used the mail stop "AF".

Applicants believe that no extension in time fee is due with the instant Supplemental Amendment since the supervisory Examiner indicated that the Final Office Action is to be vacated. In an abundance of caution, Applicants are submitting concurrently herewith an extension in time of two months with the appropriate fee, should a fee be required by the USPTO.

Applicants request consideration and entry of the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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